



Child Abuse Prevention Month

Safe Children and Healthy Families are a Shared Responsibility is the theme of the 2005 National Child Abuse Prevention Month in April. Child abuse and neglect is preventable when parents, families, communities and government agencies work together. Communities and families have to come together to advocate for a caring and respectful environment for all children. In North Carolina, all citizens are mandated by law to report suspected child abuse or neglect to the Department of Social Services in the county where the child lives. Reports can be made anonymous.

[Prevent Child Abuse North Carolina](#) is the only statewide, nonprofit organization dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect in all its forms. Prevent Child Abuse North Carolina is leading the effort to prevent abuse before it happens by developing family-oriented, community-based prevention, awareness, education, and training programs.

Prevent Child Abuse North Carolina commemorates April in a variety of ways, such as; participating in community events, providing technical assistance to organizations across the state and publishing information on child abuse prevention. Selected materials are available for download from the [April 2005 Packet – Recipe for a Happy Family](#).

[Prevent Child Abuse America](#) Community Resource Packets are available, in both English and Spanish from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Children's Bureau, Office on Child Abuse and Neglect and its National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information. The packet contains information on how individuals, organizations, and communities can support and strengthen families.

Additional Resources:

- [**National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information**](#)
The Administration for Young Children offers resources to assist families and communities with the prevention of child abuse.
- [**American Academy of Pediatrics**](#) define child abuse and profiles an abuser. Most abusers are members of the child's family, or a member of the household. In addition, the article provides information for getting involved in child abuse prevention.